

IN THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A bracket element for a prefabricated distribution device enclosure, comprising:

a body having a top ~~front~~ surface, a rear surface and at least two side surfaces connecting the top ~~front~~ surface to the rear surface;

at least one module opening extending through at least a portion of the top ~~front~~ surface and configured to at least partially receive a communications module therethrough;

at least one enclosure connection orifice arrangement comprising a plurality of enclosure connection orifices positioned on and extending through at least one of the surfaces of the body; and

at least one attachment mechanism configured to secure the bracket element to a surface of the distribution device enclosure by engagement with at least one of the plurality of enclosure connection orifices;

wherein the attachment mechanism further comprises a plunger element and a grommet element, the plunger element configured to engage with the grommet element.

2. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 1, wherein the surface through which the plurality of enclosure connections extends is at least one of the rear surface and at least one of the two side surfaces ~~surface~~.

3. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, wherein the body of the bracket element is manufactured from at least one of a metal, a semi-metal, an alloy, an synthetic material, a plastic and a polymer.

4. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, wherein the body of the bracket element is at least partially coated with a material on at least one of the surfaces.

5. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, wherein at least one corner of the body of the bracket element is at least one of blunted, rounded, dulled, ground and beveled.

6. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, wherein the module opening is sized and shaped so as to allow at least one communications module projecting element to extend therethrough.

7. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of module openings extending through at least a portion of the front surface and configured to at least partially receive a respective communications module therethrough.

8. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of enclosure connection orifice arrangements, wherein at least one of the plurality of enclosure connection orifice arrangements is positioned on at least one of:

(i) a first end of at least one of the ~~[[a]]~~ side surfaces ~~surface~~;

(ii) a second end of at least one of the ~~[[a]]~~ side surfaces ~~surface~~;

(iii) a first end of the ~~[[a]]~~ rear surface; and

(iv) a second end of the ~~[[a]]~~ rear surface.

9. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 1, further comprising a first enclosure connection orifice arrangement positioned on one of a first end of one of the ~~[[a]]~~ side surfaces ~~surface~~ and a first end of the ~~[[a]]~~ rear surface, and a second enclosure connection orifice arrangement positioned on one of a second end of one of the ~~[[a]]~~ side surfaces ~~surface~~ and a second end of the ~~[[a]]~~ rear surface.

10. (Original) The bracket element of claim 9, wherein the plurality of enclosure connection orifices of the first enclosure connection orifice arrangement comprises four enclosure connection orifices, with a first enclosure connection orifice substantially vertically aligned with a second enclosure connection orifice and a third and fourth enclosure connection orifice spaced from the second enclosure connection orifice.

11. (Original) The bracket element of claim 9, wherein the plurality of enclosure connection orifices of the second enclosure connection orifice arrangement comprises two enclosure connection orifices, with a first enclosure connection orifice substantially vertically aligned with a second enclosure connection orifice.

12. (Original) The bracket element of claim 9, wherein the plurality of enclosure connection orifices of the first enclosure connection orifice arrangement comprises a first set of three enclosure connection orifices, with a first enclosure connection orifice substantially horizontally aligned with a second enclosure connection orifice and a third enclosure connection orifice substantially vertically spaced from the first and second enclosure connection orifice, and a second set of three enclosure connection orifices, with a fourth enclosure connection orifice substantially horizontally aligned with a fifth enclosure connection orifice and a sixth enclosure connection orifice vertically spaced from the fourth and fifth enclosure connection orifice, wherein the second set of enclosure connection orifices is substantially vertically spaced from the first set of enclosure connection orifices.

13. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, further comprising at least one wire clip orifice extending through a surface of the body of the bracket element and positioned in a spaced relationship with the at least one module opening, the wire clip orifice configured to receive a clip element therethrough, the clip element configured to secure at least one wire.

14. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 12, further comprising a plurality of wire clip orifices extending through the top front surface of the body of the bracket element.

15. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, further comprising at least one module connection orifice extending through a surface of the body of the bracket element and positioned in a spaced relationship with the at least one module opening, the module connection

orifice configured to receive an attachment mechanism therethrough for connecting a communications module to the bracket element.

16. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 14, further comprising a plurality of module connection orifices extending through a top front surface of the body of the bracket element.

17. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, further comprising at least one label positioned substantially adjacent at least one of the plurality of enclosure connection orifices and configured to aid a user in identifying the at least one of the plurality of enclosure connection orifices.

18. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 17 ~~[[16]]~~, wherein the label is at least one of a symbol, a number, a letter, a representation and an identifying mark.

19. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 17 ~~[[16]]~~, wherein the label is at least one of etched in a surface of the body, applied to a surface of the body and adhesively joined with a surface of the body.

20. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 17 ~~[[16]]~~, wherein the label corresponds to at least one of an entity, a manufacturer, a company, a name and an identification.

21. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, wherein the bracket element is removably attachable to a rear surface of the distribution device enclosure through insertion of the attachment mechanism through at least one enclosure connection orifice and further through a corresponding at least one bracket attachment orifice.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 1 ~~[[21]]~~, wherein the plunger element includes a top surface and an insertion portion, and the grommet element includes a rim portion, at least one flap portion and an insertion conduit extending through the rim portion and the at least one flap portion.

24. (Currently Amended) The bracket element of claim 23 ~~[[21]]~~, wherein, in operation, an enclosure connection orifice is aligned with a corresponding bracket attachment orifice, the grommet element is inserted therethrough until the rim portion abuts an area around the enclosure connection orifice, and the plunger element is inserted through the insertion conduit of the grommet element.

25. (Original) The bracket element of claim 21, wherein the rear surface of the bracket element is removably attachable to a rear surface of the distribution device enclosure through insertion of the attachment mechanism through at least one enclosure connection orifice and further through a corresponding at least one bracket attachment orifice.

26. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, wherein at least one side surface of the bracket element is removably attachable to a rear surface of the distribution device enclosure through insertion of the attachment mechanism through at least one enclosure connection orifice and further through a corresponding at least one bracket attachment orifice.

27. (Original) The bracket element of claim 1, wherein at least one surface of the body of the bracket element is configured to abut and be flushly mounted against a surface of the distribution device enclosure.

28. (Currently Amended) A bracket element for a prefabricated distribution device enclosure, comprising:

a body having a top ~~front~~ surface, a rear surface and at least two side surfaces connecting the top ~~front~~ surface to the rear surface;

a plurality of module openings extending through at least a portion of the top ~~front~~ surface and configured to at least partially receive a respective communications module therethrough;

a first enclosure connection orifice arrangement comprising a plurality of enclosure connection orifices positioned on and extending through one of a first end of a side surface and a first end of a rear surface, and a second enclosure connection orifice arrangement comprising a plurality of enclosure connection orifices positioned on and extending through one of a second end of a side surface and a second end of a rear surface; and

at least one attachment mechanism configured to secure the bracket element to a surface of the distribution device enclosure by engagement with at least one of the plurality of

enclosure connection orifices;

wherein the attachment mechanism further comprises a plunger element and a grommet element, the plunger element configured to engage with the grommet element.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of mounting a bracket element to a distribution device enclosure, comprising the steps of:

providing a bracket element with a body having a top front surface, a rear surface and at least two side surfaces connecting the top front surface to the rear surface; at least one module opening extending through at least a portion of the top front surface for at least partially receiving a communications module therethrough; and at least one enclosure connection orifice arrangement comprising a plurality of enclosure connection orifices positioned on and extending through at least one of the surfaces of the body; and

attaching the bracket element to a surface of the distribution device enclosure by engaging an attachment mechanism with at least one of the plurality of enclosure connection orifices;

wherein the attachment mechanism further comprises a plunger element and a grommet element, the plunger element configured to engage with the grommet element.